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SUBJECT: COMPREHENSIVE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM (CCIT): TURKEY IS STILL SUPPORTIVE

REF: A. STATE 127176

¶B. STATE 111495

¶C. ANKARA 3301

Classified By: Political Military Counselor Timothy A. Betts, reasons 1 .4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) Polmilcouns raised the CCIT with MFA DG for International Security Affairs Hayati Guven on July 14 as instructed ref a. Guven responded that his office was in the process of "concluding informal consultations" within the GOT on our original demarche (ref c) and subsequent clarification that the USG could accept draft article 2 subject to acceptable language for article 18 (ref b). Although he was still awaiting a response from the Turkish General Staff, he expected their agreement soon.

¶2. (C) Guven reiterated what his deputy had told us earlier -- Turkey wants to conclude the CCIT as soon as possible, and that there is strong disagreement within the OIC "which will be difficult to overcome." "We will do our best to convince them," he declared. Polmilcouns urged the Turkish delegation in New York work closely with the US delegation in that effort. Guven enthusiastically agreed.

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